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1. PLEASE PASS ARBITER FOLLOWING INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER DATED APRIL 16 FROM DEPUTY MINISTER KOSTIN. ORIGINAL MAILED TO ARBITER.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION:

DEAR PROFESSOR ARBITER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USSR MINISTRY OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY AND THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MINING, METALLURGICAL AND PETROLEUM ENGINEERS AND OTHER U.S. ORGANIZATIONS AND COMPANIES CONNECTED WITH NON-FERROUS METALLURGY AND, IN PART, WITH COPPER PRODUCTION. THE MINISTRY CONSIDERS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH COOPERATION HIGHLY USEFUL AND GREATLY VALUES YOUR EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION.

FOR OUR PART WE ARE PREPARING TO THIS END A VISIT OF A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS FROM THE

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MINISTRY (WITH INTERPRETER), WHO WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS

QUESTIONS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY WITH THE AIME, U.S. BUREAU OF MINES, AND ARIZONA MINING ASSOCIATION, IN ADDITION TO ACQUAINTING THEMSELVES WITH FIRMS YOU HAVE RECOMMENDED. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS GROUP WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES AFTER JUNE 10, 1976 AND WE UNDERSTAND YOU DESIRE ON ACCOUNT OF THE APPROACHING VACATION SEASON THAT THEIR ARRIVAL BE POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1976.

WE REQUEST THAT YOU EXTEND YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF OUR GROUP'S VISIT AT THAT TIME.

MY COLLEAGUES AND I READ WITH GREAT INTEREST YOUR COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE ORE PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE UDOKAN DEPOSIT. WE WILL SEND YOU A SEPARATE LETTER CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THESE COMMENTS.

FOR THE PRESENT WE ARE NOT CONTEMPLATING THE DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF YOUR FIRM IN PROCURING EQUIPMENT FOR THE UDOKAN PILOT PLANT, BUT WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR THOUGHTS ON POSSIBLE FORMS OF PARTICIPATION IN TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS ON THIS PROBLEM.

I GREATLY REGRET THAT SEVERAL CIRCUMSTANCES DID NOT PERMIT ME TO ANSWER YOUR LETTER EARLIER.

ONE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

V.N. KOSTIN
DEPUTY MINISTER OF NON-FERROUS
METALLURGY, USSR

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